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SUBJ: BERLIN QUARTERLY NARCOTIC REPORT

1. BERLIN POLICE AND CUSTOMS SEIZED OVER FIVE TIMES MORE HEROIN AND  
ARRESTED OVER THREE TIMES AS MANY PERSONS (381 PERSONS V. 111) ON DRUG  
CHARGES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1978 THAN DURING THE SAME PERIOD LAST  
YEAR. WHILE PRIMARY EMPHASIS IS ON INTERDICTING HEROIN TRAFFICKING,  
SEIZURES OF CANNABIS ARE ALSO THREE TIMES GREATER THAN FOR THE FIRST  
QUARTER OF 1978 ARE DOWN (15 COMPARED TO 24 AT THIS TIME LAST  
YEAR).

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2. THE DRAMATIC INCREASE IN SEIZURES AND ARRESTS SHOWS THE  
IMPACT OF GREATLY ENHANCED ANTI-SUPPLY EFFORTS IN THE CITY.  
IN PART THIS IS DUE TO THE MUCH GREATER EMPHASIS PLACED BY THE  
POLICE ON NARCOTIC WORK. IT IS ALSO THE PRODUCT OF ASSISTANCE  
AND ACTIVITIES BY DEA AND US MILITARY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES,  
AND BETTER AVAILABILITY OF DRUG INTELLIGENCE RELATING TO  
INTERNATIONAL HEROIN OPERATIONS.

3. WHILE PROGRESS IS BEING MADE, THE DRUG PROBLEM IN BERLIN NEVERTHESS REMAINS SERIOUS. THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS, HOWEVER THAT THE PURITY OF HEROIN, ALTHOUGH STILL HIGH, MAY BE SOMEWHAT LOWER THAN BEFORE. IT IS TOO SOON TO TELL WHETHER THIS DEVELOPMENT, IF TRUE, HAS YET HAD AN EFFECT ON THE HIGH OVERDOSE DEATH RATE HERE. AT THE SAME TIME, THE STREET PRICE OF HEROIN HAS DROPPED, ENSURING THE CONTINUED ATTRACTIVENESS OF BERLIN AS A PLACE TO BUY. THAT THE PRICE SHOULD BE DROPPING IN SPITE OF INCREASED SEIZURES AND ARRESTS IS ATTRIBUTED BY SOME TO ALLEGED OVERPRODUCTION IN OPIUM-GROWING AREAS.

4. THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT HEROIN CONTINUES TO ENTER THE WESTERN SECTORS OF THE CITY IN LARGE TOTAL QUANTITIES, PRESUMABLY VIA ROAD, RAIL AND AIR ROUTES. IN AN EFFORT TO DETER THE MISUSE OF SECTOR-SECTOR TRAVEL FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE WESTERN ALLIES ARE COMPLETING NEW INSTRUCTIONS ENABLING BERLIN POLICE AND CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES TO MADE INCREASED SEARCHES OF PASSENGERS USING THE EASTERN-RUN ELEVATED TRAINS. TO MAINTAIN THE WESTERN POSITION THAT ACCESS BETWEEN THE FOUR SECTORS OF THE CITY SHOULD BE UNHINDERED AND THAT THE SOVIET/WESTERN SECTORS LINE IS NOT A INTERNATIONAL FRONTIER, INCREASED CONTROLS, WHILE MORE FREQUENT, WILL STILL BE OF A RANDOM NATURE.

5. THE FOLLOWING COMPARATIVE SEIZURES WERE MADE IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1978 AND 1977:  
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FIRST QUARTER 78	FIRST QUARTER 77
CANNABIS - 17.491 KILOGRAMS	5.068
CANNABIS OIL - 7230 GRAMS	NONE
RAW OPIUM - 15 GRAMS	NONE
MORPHINE - NONE	NONE
MORPHINE LIQUID - NONE	2 ML
MORPHINE TABS - NONE	9 TABS
HEROIN - APPROX 8 KILOGRAMS	1.448 KILOGRAMS
HEROIN LIQUID - NONE	5.0 ML
LSD - 136 TABS	505 TABS
COCAINE - 0.06 GRAMS	15 TABS

6. THE 15 BERLIN CIVILIANS REPORTED AS HAVING DIED FROM HEROIN OVERDOES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1978 RANGED FROM 19 TO 29 YEARS OF AGE. 10 WERE UNDER 25. 12 WERE MALE. 7 OF THE 15 WERE KNOWN PREVIOUSLY AS DRUG ABUSERS. ALL WERE SINGLE. THE 15 CONSISTED OF 13 GERMANS, 1 AUSTRIAN AND 1 FRENCH NATIONAL.

7. USCOB CONCURS.SEMLER

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